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(M) means for terminating said telephone link; and

(N) means for forwarding the items data to a supplier to enable fulfillment of the order request.

16. The system of claim 15 wherein each data terminal further comprises an input/output port for data communi- 5 cation with peripheral equipment.

17. The system of claim 16 wherein said peripheral equipment comprises means for reading visually printed codes and producing items data indicative thereof and storing the item data in said memory.

18. The system of claim 15 wherein the supplier to which the items data is forwarded is selected by the user.

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19. The system of claim 15 wherein said data terminal further comprises means responsive to a transmission from the local processor center for erasing the personal identification code data from the memory of the data terminal.

20. The system of claim 15 wherein said processor center further comprises: means for storing user-specific data and means for adding such user-specific data to the items data.

21. The system of claim 15 wherein said evaluation response comprises an acknowledgement by the processor center of each of said at least one particular order. 10

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